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WASHINGTON, April 30, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 25 totaled an estimated 17.3 billion ton-miles, 3.9 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 17 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 285.4 billion ton-miles, up 0.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended April 25 totaled 387,039, up 0.5 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 2.5 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 2.1 percent in the East but up 3.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Coal decreased by 7,326 cars (6.5 percent). However, grain showed an increase of 8,670 cars (51.6 percent). Seventeen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended April 18 totaled 95,669 trailers and/or containers, 1.8 percent below last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 16 weeks of the year was 1,525,830 trailers and/or containers, up 3.0 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 4/25/87:

	Loadings in Week ended <u>April 25, 1987</u>			Change from Corresponding <u>Week 1986</u>			Change from Preceding <u>Week</u>		
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent	
Grain	25,479	I		8,670	51.6	I	1,251	5.2	
Other farm products	3,602	I		687	23.6	D	57	1.6	
Metallic ores	14,890	D		2,765	15.7	D	3,332	18.3	
Coal	104,550	D		7,326	6.5	D	525	5.0	
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,343	I		129	0.8	I	1,099	7.7	
Nonmetallic minerals	10,144	I		12	0.1	I	1,479	17.1	
Grain mill products	10,523	I		332	3.3	I	146	1.4	
Food and kindred products	10,998	D		97	0.9	I	776	7.6	
Primary forest products	11,027	I		739	7.2	I	957	9.5	
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,655	I		172	2.0	I	516	6.3	
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,640	I		36	0.3	I	285	2.3	
Chemicals and allied products	28,103	I		2,378	9.2	I	2,432	9.5	
Petroleum products	4,972	I		218	4.6	I	674	15.7	
Stone, clay and glass products	10,918	I		339	3.2	I	773	7.6	
Coke	5,169	I		212	4.3	I	404	8.5	
Metals and products	9,024	I		444	5.2	I	484	5.7	
Motor vehicles and equipment	18,865	D		3,813	16.8	I	1,446	8.3	
Waste and scrap materials	8,106	D		421	4.9	I	436	5.7	
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,551	D		631	19.8	I	9	0.4	
All other carloads	71,399	I		2,473	3.6	I	248	0.3	
LCL traffic	81	D		26	24.3	D	2	2.4	
Total Cars Loaded	387,039	I		1,762	0.5	I	9,499	2.5	
Corresponding week of 1986	385,277								
	<u>1987</u>			<u>1986</u>			<u>% Change</u>		
Total Cars Loaded (17 weeks)	6,374,246			6,384,794			D 0.2		
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):									
16 Weeks ended April 18	268.1			268.5			D 0.2		
Week ended April 25	<u>17.3</u>			<u>16.6</u>			<u>I 3.9</u>		
17 Weeks cumulative	285.4			285.2			I 0.1		

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